MINUTES

ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 13th DECEMBER 2022 AT 10am AT EBC CLUBHOUSE

**Present:** Dennis McGuinnes (DMc) Chair, Pauline Shipway (PS) Secretary, Steph Taylor (ST) Match Secretary, Mike White (MW) Treasurer, Roger Dobbing (RD) and Margaret Weeden (Mwe)

1. **Apologies:** None all present.
2. **Previous Minutes**: Nothing arising. A vote of thanks was given to Mike White for all the work he has done for both clubs. Appreciation was shown for the efficient attention he has given and is still working until a new centre manager is chosen.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Chairman’s Report:** Thanks were given to all those involved with the Quiz evening which was a great success. The Social Evening went well but the seating arrangements could have been a better mixture of the indoor and outdoor clubs. This to be considered next time.

We have received details of coaching courses via the ESMBA which was directed at team managers to attend via Zoom. DMc has responded to this.

1. **Secretary’s Report:** The Membership List has been completed. RD will email to ask if any member has any objection to their details being included and passed to all members.

Visiting clubs had mentioned that there was no visible sign to the club entrance when approaching from the Ewhurst direction. MW advised that Jon Koffman had been asked to erect a post for this but it is still outstanding.

As the posts of secretary and treasurer would be sort in future it was felt that we should be considering suitable members for these positions.

New ESMBA Rule Books have been obtained and copies made available.

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** The accounts were passed to members of the committee and agreed.
2. **Match Secretary’s Report:** In the Surrey Triples 8 games have been played and we have won 3 and lost 5. The Woking Borough League - 11 have been played and we have won 4 and lost 7. Better results in the Thursday Charity League with 9 games played and we have won 7 and lost 2. The Magpies have played 6 games, won 1 and drawn 1 and lost 4.

In the SHAB League Ewhurst have only played 3 games but have lost them all albeit by a very small margin in the first two.

Although these results look pretty depressing compared to last season and considering the enormous problem there is in getting members to play in these competitive games it could have been a lot worse. Hopefully in the New Year we will do better. More experienced bowlers are needed to participate.

1. Items for Discussion:

Competitions: These are proceeding, Team of Fives has been played and the next is the Star Cup. The Novice Bowlers Competition is in January. We will be holding a follow-up practice for this year’s and last’s U3A bowlers.

Social: The Social Evening was a success.

Newsletter: Items required by the end of December. Sheena Hall is assisting with the issues. An item should be put in the Newsletter thanking Mike White (following his resignation) for his efforts and support as the Centre Manager. DMc will do this on behalf of the members and committee.

1. Any other business: ST suggested that roll ups could be used for evening practice on one mat leaving the other two for members who do not wish to participate. This could be on alternate Fridays. RD will put an item in the newsletter to get a reaction from members.

RD said that the sound system should be kept in the clubhouse. This was agreed.

ST advised that a possible venue for our Presentation Lunch on 8th June 2023 could be held at The Alfold Barn which has the space we require for about 40 people. Sample menus will be obtained and prices.

MWe advised it was too late to organise a Christmas Fling but suggested we could arrange a post Christmas Fling on 29th December 2022 with a 7 pm start. A form will be put on the noticeboard.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1155 am.

1. Date of next meeting: **Thursday 10am 26th January 2023 at the Clubhouse.**

Pauline Shipway Dennis McGuinnes Hon Chairman ESMBC

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